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Hi Donna, John, David – Marc Colvin put together this more complete timeline of events related to the discussions on Ann Arbor, including some of the ORD events. I thought you might find it helpful as a resource. I also want to note there was an error in our earlier time construction. The most recent events (formally re-engaging the union, bargaining and the final MOU agreement) occurred in October/November of last year (2017) through signature in February 2018, not a year earlier. I apologize for our error. There was a date stamp error on the MOU indicating 2017, while the signatures are 2018. There was a July 2015 email engagement with the Union notifying them of ORD's plans to vacate and EPA's plans to explore alternate space options with GSA so there was communication on our intent to investigate options back then. Again, sorry for the mix-up. Thanks

General Timeline of Events

1. <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**2013:** ORD investigated the utilization of their facilities across the US, which included considerations for consolidations and closures.
2. <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**October 2013:** Jody Kane of EPA's Facilities Management and Services Division (FMSD) informed R5's Marc Colvin, Branch Chief and Acting Facility Manager, to be aware of the possibility of ORD vacating and selling the Large Lakes Research Station in Grosse Ile, MI. M. Colvin was asked whether R5 intends to maintain a staff in the Detroit area for the purpose of acquiring space in a new location. Subsequent discussions with R5's SFD indicated the preference for an on-going R5 SFD presence in the Detroit area, which helps reduce emergency response times.
3. <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**2014:** Although RMD-ESB began laying the initial groundwork with OARM-FMSD and GSA to find alternate space in the Grosse Ile / Detroit area (i.e., find a property in the area and build out an office and warehouse

complex), this planning was put on hold in 2014 since ORD indicated its intention to stay in place for the time being.

4. <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**2015:** ORD re-initiated inquiries in discussions with R5's Marc Colvin about R5's interest in hiring and/or installing a facility management team at Grosse Ile in order to remain on-site indefinitely. According to David Shoffner at RTP, ORD's facility representative, it's still not clear what ORD's final decision will be. However, ORD's preference is to transfer the facility to R5. ORD is down to about 4 employees; one may relocate to ORD Duluth, one may stay in place, while two others are considering retirement by the end of 2016, including Russell Kreis, ORD's Station Chief. D. Shoffner conveyed no actual timelines for any departure, but emphasized having no plans to replace the on-site management.
5. <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**June 2015:** RMD's recommendation is to re-engage with OARM and GSA on an options analysis, that includes consideration of other possible Detroit-area locations as well as EPA's expected telework policy. This would include SFD senior managers, who have indicated that an office of some kind may still be necessary to house equipment and a small EOC, for example.

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6. <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**November 20, 2015:** Memorandum from William H. Benson, Acting Director NHERL to Vaughn Noga on Intent to Vacate LLRS by December 31, 2016 (**memorandum attached**).
7. <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**March 29, 2016:** Memorandum from R5's Bruce Sypniewski to OARM's Vaughn Noga on need for continued presence in the Detroit, MI area and justification for space in that area (**memorandum attached**).
8. <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**April 11, 2016:** Email from OARM's William Ridge to R5's John Haugland, Facility Manager, that R5 will take over management of LLRS. FMSD had been seeking new space for R5, CID and GLNPO.

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10. <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**April 12, 2016:** Email from Vaughn Noga to William Ridge for OARM's RPPS to work with GSA to find leased space for R5, CID and GLNPO.
11. <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**April 28, 2016:** Email from Steve Blankenship to Dan Coogan, William Ridge, and Mike Petrucci, with Vaughn Noga cc'd, explaining that funds need to be reprogrammed to R5 in order for R5 to manage the LLRS temporarily,

while a leased space can be acquired, with an estimated move in between June and Dec. 2017.

12. <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**June 2016** – Summary report explaining R5 and CID are working with OARM on program of requirements (POR) and market survey for new space build-out. Needed in advance of coordinated work with GSA to identify and build-out a space.
13. <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**October 2016:** Vaughn Noga verbal discussion with R5's Acting ARA of EPA's Decision to maintain ownership of LLRS for at least 4 additional years.
14. <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**December 22, 2016:** Email from ORD's Russ Kreis to all LLRS tenants (R5, CID, GLNPO, Fish and Wildlife) on plans for ORD's departure. It explains the transition from ORD to R5 on facility management, identifies will do what, such as R5's Jeff Borseth handling security and keys, and that ORD will vacate by December 2016, and the remaining ORD staff vacating by June 2017. Explains to everyone that R5, CID and FWS and GLNPO will remain for 4 years per a new development.
15. <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**2017:** EPA identifies the closure of LLRS as part of its efforts to comply with FASTA.
16. <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**June 2017:** Vaughn Noga, Amy Sanders, John Haugland and Jason El-Zine meet at Ann Arbor, MI to walk-through the complex.
17. <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**June 22, 2017:** Email from John Haugland to LLRS tenants that FWS staying until December 2017, and the LLRS office will stay open until December 2017 for planning of R5's move to EPA Ann Arbor, MI. This was a result of a teleconference between Vaughn Noga and Fish and Wildlife, whereby V. Noga gave approval for Fish and Wildlife to remain in place to finish the construction of a new office, which would be in accordance with a rental agreement with OARM.
18. <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**June 23, 2017:** Email from AFGE's Mike Mikulka to Amy Sanders that Keith will be the chief negotiator, and he asks her about John Haugland's email discussing a move to Ann Arbor, MI.
19. <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**August 31, 2017:** Official notice given by R5's Maria Zamora via email to AFGE's Mike Mikulka of EPA's intent to vacate LLRS and move to Ann Arbor
20. <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**October 2017:** Management and AFGE representatives (Colvin, Mankowski, Fusinski, Zamora and others) tour the Ann Arbor, MI office to observe the proposed parking area and location of a porta-fab office.
21. <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**November 2017:** Following AFGE's demand to bargain received, the ground rules were established (**memorandum attached**).

22. <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**February 1, 2018:** MOA signed (memorandum attached).